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	Examiner Name	Ryckman, Melissa K.
	Title	Means and Method for Performing an Anastomosis

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 17, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before February 17, 2007. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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